

REMARKS

Applicants thank the examiner for the allowance of claims 35-41.

Applicants hereby provide a summary of the July 25, 2003 telephone interview between the examiner and the undersigned. Examiner Liu contacted the undersigned on July 25, 2003 to propose an Examiner's Amendment to the claims. The examiner proposed that claims 23 and 35 be amended as set forth in the Interview Summary provided with the July 29, 2003 Office Action and the undersigned agreed to such an amendment. No further claims or prior art were discussed.

The examiner indicated that the informalities in the "Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review" must be addressed in response to the Office Action. Formal drawings addressing the informalities are submitted herewith.

The examiner rejected claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as having insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the discharge compartment" in line 11.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 23 as amended addresses the examiner's concern.

The examiner indicated that claims 29-33 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 23 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 29. Claims 30 and 32 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that pending claims 23-27 and 30-41 are in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either telephonic or in person, will advance the prosecution of this matter, it is respectfully requested that the examiner get in contact with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Massina', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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